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Plenty of fresh air and clean sanitary premises are more beneficial and less expensive than medicine and doctor services. Yet, it is strange that so few people are mindful of the importance of this indisputable fact. Church houses where large crowds gather should be carefully ventilated.

We are sorry indeed to learn of the indictment of Alderman Oscar DePriest, of Chicago, and hope that he will successfully prove his innocence of all crimes charged in the indictment. It is reported that Mr. DePriest will not offer himself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman, however, it is understood that a colored nominee will be put in the field.

### SERVICES AT ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH. A MOST EXCELLENT PROGRAM RENDERED.

Last Sunday proved a red letter day for the St. Paul A. M. E. Church. It was the Second Quarterly Meeting of this Conference year. In the morning Presiding Elder Jamison made a powerful and eloquent appeal to a large audience for higher living and closer consecration to spiritual duty. The choir sang most beautifully and the services were in every way an inspiration to those present.

In the afternoon Communion was administered, and at this hour Rev. Dr. Sydes, presiding elder of the Cairo district, preached a timely and eloquent sermon on "Abstract and Concrete Life." He reviewed the abstract life of man as it pertains to all physical and temporal matters and made a strong appeal for life consecration to God. The definite Concrete, or the inner-spiritual life, was the most beautiful contrast with the abstract life of man, and the example of David, as he went out to meet Goliath—moved by a power, or life, far superior to the abstract—was held up as an evidence of the power of God to lead and to give man the victory over every opposition if one can only learn to consecrate himself to the development of this life, by service to man and God. The Choir was at its best and added much to the impressiveness of the service by their well-rendered selections.

#### EVENING SERVICES

The treat of the day came in the evening at which time Dr. James Henderson, the well-known physician, and Presiding Elder Jamison presented the subject, "Comparative Race Ability" from different angles, yet both in a most masterful and impressive way. Dr. Henderson among other things said:

#### COMPARATIVE RACE ABILITY.

"I shall follow the usually accepted classification of the human family. The many kindred types of the varied and diverse species being classed with the subdivision to which they are most closely allied. The various races are most commonly divided into five separate classes with many intermediate and closely allied sub-divisions: Caucasian or White Race, Mongolian or Yellow Race, Malay or Brown Race, Indian or Red Race and the Negro or Black Race. We are more or less acquainted with the physical traits of the different races, the mental, moral endowments and the virtues and vices,

which distinguish them.

As the pre-dominant character, istic, w e associate with the Anglo-Saxon or English-man courage and tenacity of purpose; with the Germanic tribes, stolidity and fortitude; with the Frenchman, vivacity, intellectual acuteness; with the Mongolian, patience, perseverance with endless capability for minutia and detail; with the Malay or Brown Race, courage, heroism, daring intrepidity, shrewdness; with the Indian, courage, honor, fortitude, self-esteem, faithfulness; with the Negro, humor, cheerfulness, submission and unbounded faith in some hidden occult power.

While the traits peculiar to the different Races may distinguish them one from the other, ability in the sense we now use it is not thereby determined. Nearly all history with which we are conversant is an exaggerated recital of the wonderful and aw-inspiring achievements of the proud, haughty domineering Caucasian.

We know of their courage and heroism in war: their brilliant success in all of the peaceful arts; while philosophy, science, religion, politics, government, law, medicine all pay tribute to their commanding genius. In the arts of peace and civilization by the accepted standards of this age, he stands pre-eminent; but his civilization is ante-dated by both the Mongolian, Malay and the East Indian for thousands of years.

The Mongolians were highly civilized people, when the ancestors of present race of whites were naked savages, living in caves and subsisting on reptiles, toads and insects. The most notable illustration of the Malay or Brown Race, the Japanese, have had a stable government longer than England; they were a free people when the blue-eyed, fair-skinned, flaxen-haired Saxons were the serfs of the Normans.

Nearly all the organized governments among the white races are parvenues besides the unchanging line of Mikados, descended from the Emperor Jinimu, who ruled when Rome was a century old. If the Jews were still a Nation and a descendant of Moses, their king, he would mean to them what the Mikado means to the Japanese.

India inhabited by people, in physical traits, closely resembling the N. American aborigines is the cradle of civilization. Here all the arts of peace, religion, philosophy, the highest culture and refinement flourished when the ancestors of the present white race, roamed European and Asiatic wilds clothed in bear skins, the club their only weapon, the cave their only abode.

Africa, familiarly termed the Dark Continent, the Negroes native habitat, furnishes numerous instances of the past grandeur and magnificence of a people, either pure-blooded Negroes or so mixed with Negro blood that the Negro can be given the credit. In the Negro Family group there are many varieties. All black people are not Negroes nor all Negro black: nor have they all the physical peculiarities, the mental, moral and intellectual traits, which are loudly claimed by nearly all Caucasian writers, as distinguishing marks of the Negro. The Negro is now considered to be one of the oldest races in the world, evidence of its existence in prehistoric times having been recently discovered throughout Africa, and Asia, and Oceania. In historic times Negroes are depicted on the monuments of Egypt thousands of years before the Anglo-Saxon had emerged from barbarism.

My subject was suggested by the present acute stage of a problem now pressing for solution, a problem by reason of recent political and governmental alignments and adjustments, is of world-wide importance and is now claiming the attention of statesmen, philanthropists and humanitarians of all civilized countries. Physical power, endurance, courage and heroism may well be

left out of consideration; for all history, ancient, medieval and modern afford so many notable instances of these qualities in all the races and tribes of man, that there is no longer controversy. But in as much as the Negro is more often than any other race, scorned, contemned and assigned the most degraded position among all races of men. I may be pardoned for making reference to two notable achievements of Negroes under Negro generals.

The overwhelming defeat of the French and their expulsion from Hayti by Toussaint L'Overture.

The ignominious and crushing defeat of the Italians, lineal descendants of the Ancient Romans by Menelik and the Abyssinians.

Physical ability is conceded but the Negroes mental, moral, intellectual and ethical endowments are constantly called into question and his inferiority to the other races or at all events to the Caucasian, is loudly proclaimed in pulpit and forum, in the secular and religious press by men high in the Councils of the Nation and by scientists. The claims and views on this subject of racial worth and endowments, with which we are familiar and for which scientist most vehemently contend have been advanced and supported by men of other races.

Fortunately for them their ingenious arguments are fortified by actual achievements. In their contention deeds count most of the grand achievements upon the pages of history of which we are cognizant have been conceived, planned and executed by the Caucasian. That he is proud, haughty and afflicted with overweening self-conceit, is not at all remarkable.

Many theories have been advanced and vigorously supported to prove the natural, innate inferiority of the Negro.

These theories are advanced by the Caucasian. One of the most popular is the facial angle theory, of which I shall speak briefly.

Another theory is the quantity and quality of the brain as ascertained by measurement weight, anatomical and chemical analyses assign superior mental, moral and ethical endowments to the Caucasian or Aryan and inferior mental, moral and ethical endowments to all other Races but especially to the Negro by reason of the difference in construction of the frontal and rear convolutions of the brain—the Caucasian being conceded a large frontal and relatively small rear convolutions—the Negro a small frontal and relatively large rear convolutions.

The quantity of grey matter in the convolutions of the brain, other conditions being equal is supposed to determine the intellectual capacity of the different species of the human family. The facial angle is taken as the gauge by which the quantity of brain matter is ascertained.

This angle is the junction of a line passing perpendicularly from the most prominent part of the forehead and another passing horizontally from the butt of the ear. In proportion as the intersection of these two lines approaches a right angle, is the intellectual capacity of the individual.

(To be continued.)

Dr. Jamison spoke on the subject from a Phrenological, Anthropological and a physiological view, reciting many tests that had been made in an endeavor to establish a Racial difference between the Negro and other races that would bear out the claim of superiority of the white race over the black. But in all of these tests he said, not one had made that the Negro could not subscribe to under the same advantageous conditions afforded the white man. He reviewed the phycological angle of the subject and earnestly cautioned his hearers against suggesting to their children and people that they "could not do this" or they "could not do that." Stop eternally fault with the Negro, he said, and suggest something good instead.

Column Five

## STEADY ADVANCE IN CHURCH WORK

Success of Rev. S. B. Butler  
at Wichita, Kan.

MAN OF BROAD EXPERIENCE

Congregation of the Calvary Baptist Church Begins Financial Campaign For the Erection of a New Meeting House—Dr. Butler's Fine Record as an Organizer and Leader.

Wichita, Kan.—Sardis, Miss., has the distinction of furnishing to the Baptists of Kansas one of the strongest and most successful pastors in the person of the Rev. S. B. Butler, B. T. S., who is pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in this city. He is doing a great work in the state and is an active worker in the national Baptist convention. The Rev. Mr. Butler was born at Sardis in 1876 and received his early education in the public school of his home town. After finishing the public school course he entered LeMoyné institute, at Memphis, one of the schools of the American Missionary association. He joined the Baptist church at fourteen years of age. After two years' study at LeMoyné institute he went to St. Louis and at once connected himself with the Central Baptist church, of which the Rev. J. L. Cohron was pastor.

His activity in the church attracted much attention. He was licensed to preach by the Central Baptist church in 1901. This was followed by his entering the Western college, Macon,



REV. S. B. BUTLER, B. T. S.

Mo., the institution of the colored Baptists of the state. He finished the course at Western college in 1905. He won honors while in school and was chosen orator for the theological class. He was called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Kirksville, Mo., during his school days and also at Jacksonville, Mo.

The churches were not far from Macon; hence he was able to spend the week in school and go to his churches on Sunday, returning to school on Monday of each week. Following his graduation he was ordained an elder in St. Louis in 1905. He was examined by the entire ministry of the Baptist church in St. Louis, and they were loud in their praise of his ability as a young minister.

The Rev. Mr. Butler was called to the Park Chapel Baptist church, Palmyra, Mo., in 1906, where he accomplished a good work. He was instrumental in building a stone church there and paying off the indebtedness. After remaining at the Park Chapel church six years he received a call from the Calvary Baptist church at Wichita, which he found to be heavily in debt. The people were fearful that the building and ground would be sold because of the debt, but the Rev. Mr. Butler smiled and declared that the debt was but a toy. He soon cut it down, and now they are preparing to erect a new building to cost \$20,000.

The congregation is wide awake and eager for a new church edifice. This was demonstrated recently at a meeting held for the purpose of raising \$300 toward the building fund. Instead of raising \$300 the members and friends contributed \$500. The church will hold a financial rally during the month of January, at which a large amount is expected to be contributed for the erection of the proposed new meeting house. Dr. Butler is highly respected by both races in Wichita and is recognized as a safe leader, able preacher and financier.

Fisk Honors Memory of Noted Singers. Fisk university has decided to add to its numerous departments a conservatory of music in honor of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, who did so much to create favorable sentiment for the race more than forty years ago. Contributions will be accepted for this new feature from both races. It is a move in the right direction and it meets with popular favor.

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Four Extra pages will be used to make this an industrial Edition worthy of note.

Tell him that he can do. Let him know that you have confidence in him and expect great things from him even though he may fail and fail and fail, he said. His advice was not only sound, but if the philosophy of it could be understood by the masses and given heed to, there is no question but that it would go a long way toward advancing the interest of the race and much greater good would be done by its members. The Junior Choir contributed much to the occasion through a splendid program of well rendered songs.

#### Quarterly Conference Monday Evening

The Quarterly Conference Monday evening revealed a very satisfactory progress being made in all departments of the church. Dr. Bazzie has proven himself to be the right man in the right place at

St. Paul's and the church is to be congratulated upon having such a strong, able and thoroughly Christian leader.

Attorney B. G. Clanton was in Chicago last week, on business.

Jesse wormly indisposed last week.

Mr. A. B. Orendorff, of Lincoln, was in the city this week.

Mr. A. Meek returned from Princeton, Ky., his former home, last Thursday, to which place he accompanied his mother who had been visiting him for the past six months.

Rev. G. W. Dorsey, of Carbon-dale, Ill., will preach at Zion Baptist Church, Ninth and Carpenter Sts., Sunday, Feb. 4th, at both morning and evening services.